WADCO NEWS

WHITING & DAVIS CO. — THE HOME OF MESH BAGS

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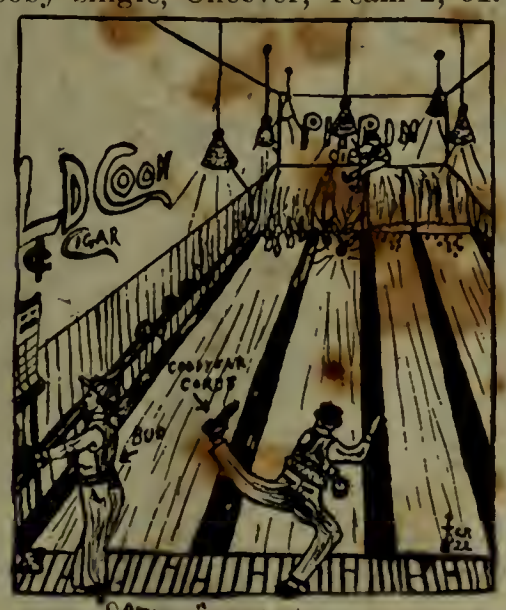
W. & D. Bowling League

The league has now entered the second round with all serene on the horizon. The way things are going now, improving every day the league will become an annual affair, and contrary to statement made in the last article, it will become a yelping and not howling success.

Team 4 is now the leader but even Napoleon was beaten, and the rest of the teams acknowledge no leader. The last article stated that we were watching the passing of Jessie Jillson, veteran bowler. That must have got under his skin for he broke all the records in the last match, Francis's high single of 122 being raised by said Mr. Jillson to 133, and Cloutier's three string total of 307 to 346. This is some bowling and it wasn't confined to Jessie alone. His team rolled 526 for a team single record, and 1495 for team total record. The rest of the teams had best watch this aggregation, team No. 3, for they cut a wide swath when pushed. The standing of the teams, so far:

	W	L	Pc.
Team 4	16	5	.762
Team 1	14	7	.667
Team 5,	13	11	.542
Team 3,	12	12	.500
Team 6,	7	14	.333
Team 2,	4	17	.191

High Single, Jillson, Team 3, 133.
High 3-string total, Jillson, Team 3, 346.
High team single, Team 3, 526.
High team total, Team 3, 1495.
Booby single, Cheever, Team 2, 61.



"SPENCE" IN ACTION

MR. FRANK BROWN
TOASTMASTER

W. & D Soccer Banquet

TO

Pawtucket Players and Guests

Wednesday, January 11, there gathered together in the Whiting & Davis Factory Restaurant some forty Soccer and Sport enthusiasts on invitation from Manager Lowe of the Soccer Team to attend a "Feast" gotten up by Chef Olsen and his assistants. which merited the sincere approval and thanks of those fortunate enough to partake of his art.

After the tables were cleared, Toastmaster Frank Brown opened the entertainment of the program by calling upon Mr. Ernest Savage to be the pianist of the evening. After a piano selection, which received much applause, those present were called upon in turn by the toastmaster to give a few remarks relative to the sports program in general, and the soccer team in particular. The speakers, one and all were unanimous in their praise of the work Manager Lowe had accomplished in rounding into shape a bunch of green players and making it possible for the Whiting & Davis team to stand fourth in the league against ten other teams, most of whom were experienced Soccer players. Mr. Sturgis Rice, when called upon said that he was pleased to convey to those assembled a word

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Bag Topics

Thrift.

Local Bank Helps Xmas Club.

P. S. & L. Association Busy.

BY HARRY B. ROWAN

Through the efforts of Mr. C. A. Whiting and Mr. Mulvey of the Manufacturers' National Bank, the Xmas Savings Club started by that institution, was given a big boost on Wednesday at noon, January 4th, when 115 new members subscribed at the factory office. Mr. E. Roger Sherman of the bank staff, was present and received the deposits. He will be at the same location every pay day in the future from 12 to 1 p. m.

Due to the registering of the application cards and the giving out of the books, more time was taken than will be necessary from now on when deposits are passed in with Club Book the book being stamped and returned to the depositor.

By joining the Xmas Club and paying a small amount each week when the employee receives his pay, he is enabled to have sufficient spending money for Xmas. Checks are sent out by the bank to Club members on December 10th, covering the deposits with interest.

The special feature which appeals to Whiting & Davis employees is the depositing of their money pay day at the factory. This, of course, the bank is willing to do on account of the number of employees who are depositors.

Mr. Byron S. Gardiner, President of the Plainville Savings and Loan Association, has been very successful in selling more than 300 new shares in the 43rd Series which are open until February 10th. A large proportion of these shares were taken by Whiting & Davis employees who have taken this method of permanent saving.

The Association which was organized in 1880 has been very successful, and paid 5 per cent interest compounded quarterly.

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OUR PRESIDENT'S TIME CLOCK

Didn't know he had one, did you? Thought all Mr. Whiting has to do was to come in when he pleases and put on his hat and go out when he feels like it.

Not so! Not a bit not so! Our president punches a time clock. You have not seen it because he carries it with him. It might be called by several names: Duty, Conscience, Determination; but we think the best of these is Conscience. Inclination may suggest a pleasure trip, but a glance at his time clock, Conscience, shows that there are yet ahead many hours of labor if faith is to be kept with those of us who are keeping faith with him. So he buckles down to work although the accepted hours of work for most of us already may have been far exceeded. Our president's time clock has a twenty-four hour dial and if you were permitted to examine its records you would find often as many evidences of work "after hours" as during the usual period of effort.

Without his time clock called Conscience it would be easy to "call it a day" when the wheels ceased to whirl. But there is more than a matter of dollars and cents devolving upon the president, our own or any man who has a right to the title. That matter is the welfare through *continued employment* of those who have enlisted under him. A good president is like a good general—he safeguards as far as possible those with whose command he has been intrusted.

It may be the movies for them after hours; but for the president! His time clock goes ticking on until finally Conscience strikes the hour when all's done that can and should be and the record of another day is written.

The Wadco Ad-Man.

ROGER W. BABSON ON BUSINESS

The expert statistician of Wellesley Hills, in an address on "The Business Outlook for 1922," given in Tremont Temple, Boston, under the auspices of the Pilgrim Publicity Association, stated that while in New England, we have passed the worst of the depression and are now marching on the road to prosperity, that it (depression) was now at its height in the Corn Belt of the Middle West, and has affected the Pacific Coast only slightly.

Mr. Babson would like to see steady business replace our excited periods of prosperity, and profiteering, thereby automatically doing away with the hard times which always follow such periods, for as he pointed out, everything is done in cycles, which are forever turning to the will of that great economic law of action and reaction. During the final days of depression such as we have passed through, thrift, honesty, efficiency and righteousness develop in their turn. Replacing the evil factors of dishonesty, inefficiency and profiteering of the preceding era of prosperity.

With regard to advertising, Mr. Babson declared that it is sad to contemplate the undoubted fact that the average manufacturer advertises, not when he most needs business, but when he has plenty of money and his organization is straining to keep up with incoming orders.

The man who has the best interests of the country at heart will advertise now.

Think you Whiting & Davis advertising appropriate? It would seem to be in line at least with the speaker's views on the subject.

YOUR INCOME TAX

Once again we have to think of taxes. Fortunate, indeed are we who have someone delegated from the office to do this work for us. It pleases no one to sit down and take the time necessary to wrestle with the Income Tax questions as printed on the Blanks, and when we can shift this burden onto other shoulders, we greatly appreciate it. A vote of thanks is surely due Mr. Whiting and those he has chosen to do the work. February 1st or thereabouts the work will commence.

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from Mr. C. A Whiting, who was unable to be present. He wanted the boys to know he was pleased at the fine showing the team had made and that in this as in other sports and undertakings they had his hearty support and best wishes and hoped for a continuance of the good work.

Tommy Taylor accompanied by the pianist sang several songs which called forth much applause from the boys.

Richard Berkeley also gave piano selections.

The Toastmaster, as the evening went on, arose to announce the disappointment of Manager Lowe and the team at the non-appearance of invited guests from Pawtucket, which was due to the extremely bad weather of the evening, and the fear that they would not be able to get back to Pawtucket that night.

The Toastmaster appointed as a Booster Committee the Editor of the "Wadco" News, Horace Cheever, Sturgis Rice, Ed. Herlin and Gene Manchester, to work with and provide a little more pep to the Athletic Association. The aim of this committee will be to stir up and render the support which our team merits and should have.

Manager Lowe gave an interesting talk on the team, taking each man and giving his views on their good qualities and weaknesses. He ended by making a strong plea for support to the team and said he wanted to see the rooters turn out to encourage the boys.

Captain Savage said he was pleased with team for it was a mighty good team, and all were hard workers, the league standing showing this, and he was confident that if the players all showed up at the games, no other aggregation could trim them.

The good time of the evening closed by all those present joining in and singing. After that—three hearty cheers were given for the Whiting & Davis team.

Standing	Points
1—Fairlawn Rovers,	16
2—Sacred Heart,	16
3—Lonsdale Rovers,	13
4—Whiting & Davis,	11
5—Potter & Johnson,	9
6—Ashton Rovers,	9
7—Fenner A. C.,	7
8—Taft A. C.,	7
9—Bennett A. C.,	5
10—Broadway,	3

Points: Win counts 2; Tie Game 1.

Prosperous Signs

"AUTO SALES a la CURB"

On coming out one noon time, quite recently from the factory many employees were surprised at the array of demonstration cars parked in front of the factory. No reason could be ascribed for the display, but that the enterprising automobile dealer was aware of the fact that the Whiting & Davis Company, through many years, has acquired a reputation second to none in the matter of steady employment, and good wages paid. These taken in conjunction with the number of employees makes for good prospects.

SILVER BULLION

Jan. 6, 1922

Bar Silver in London down 1/8d at 34 3/4d. New York price for domestic bar silver was 99 5/8c per oz. The Mint price "foreign" silver unchanged at 64 7/8c.

Range of prices for silver bullion during the year 1921:

London—Highest, 43 3/8d Sept. 27; lowest, 30 3/8d. Mar. 5.

New York—Highest 73 3/8c. Oct. 17; lowest, 52 3/8c Mar. 6.

1920—year range:

London—Highest, 89 1/8d. Feb 11; lowest, 38 3/8d. Dec. 10.

New York—Highest, $1.37 Jan. 22; lowest, 59 1/4c. Dec. 10.

"Judge," said the prisoner, "I'm deaf."

"That may be," said the judge, "but you'll get your hearing in the morning."

Continuous employment is more desired than the haphazard kind.

MANY MESH BAGS SHOWN IN CANADA

The stores have shown a greater variety for the Christmas trade than they have for a long time. This seems to be the case all over Canada for in conversation with a manufacturer he said:

Business with us has been very good particularly for the last four months and at the present time orders on hand are about double what they were this time last year; and we have in consequence been obliged to employ a number of extra hands, said the head of a large fancy hand bag house, when interviewed by Women's Wear. While business has been good and orders coming in well we have had to give close attention to the selling end, have also done more advertising than formerly. We feel that as most of the stocks were low and that as a rule most of them have been cautious in placing new stocks, that they should move a good portion during the Holiday season and should be in the market to replenish stocks early in 1922.

We put on the market in June a new very much nicer, line of goods than any we had before attempted and find that the demand for these goods has greatly exceeded our expectations. We have already received some orders for 1922 delivery and this with other indications leads us to believe that we can look forward with considerable confidence to good business for the coming year.

Many homes have been built by members in the past, who consider it a very efficient way to get one of your own. Why not start now?

EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS IN THE BAG PRODUCTION DEPT.

As we believe that each and everyone in the Soldered and Unsoldered Departments contributes to make an excellent organization, our policy is to obtain the best working conditions possible; as a result we are making one large enclosed crib for the clerical and inspection forces of the two departments as well as a stock room for goods in process.

The Lamson carriers just installed enable us to keep a steady flow of bags to the Coloring Department instead of waiting to accumulate a truck load as previously. This means *service.*

Our automatic cutting machines are to be located permanently now with room to receive additional machines from time to time as they are turned over by the Tool Department.

Someone asked "How many people will those machines throw out of work?" We don't anticipate letting anyone go on that account Those machines are our only salvation to get the costs down to meet the stiff competition we are now facing. Lower priced bags or better bags for less money are the only means to get orders and it's orders that keep us here.

If someone else is to get those orders then we are out of luck but we feel confident that we can successfully meet the changed conditions and keep going merrily on.

An old saying runs "When worms are scarce does a hen stop scratching?" Not by a darn sight. She scratches all the harder. That's us.

Of course you all know we want 100 per cent co-operation from everyone and constructive criticisms as well as suggestions are always welcomed. Most of the improvements that have been made came from that source.

William Sweet,
Mgr. Sol. & Unsol. Dept.

FELLOW MANAGERS AND SHOPMATES

I wish to express my sincere thanks to those who contributed to, and arranged for, the beautiful floral piece sent to the funeral of my father in Fayville, Mass. The kindly action and the spirit that prompted it are very deepy appreciated by myself and family, sister and brother.

Walter E. Collins,
Foreign Shipping Dept

ARE BUSINESS PROSPECTS GOOD?

We'll say yes,—with three large department store buyers caliing at the factory in one week to look over our line of bags. It's not sentiment that brings them to Plainville, but good keen business acumen that prompts these men to be ever watchful of the new things turned out by the Whiting & Davis Co.

They have been pleased to state that the business done by their houses in 1921 has been the greatest ever—the reason they ascribe is "Going after it," "Keeping at it," and not waiting for business to come.

Let us all carry on with the same determination and we shall have few regrets regarding 1922.

Mrs. Beatrice Ayer is not associated with "Ayers' Sarsaparilla" but from the "Ayer" around her we know she is using her handsome Xmas Gift from the girls of the Unsoldered department, a "cut glass powder and perfume set." Her 12 years' experience on mesh makes her a valuable forelady for Whiting & Davis Co.

Anita Geromina who was unfortunate enough to be in an auto accident a few weeks ago wishes to thank the girls of the soldered and unsoldered departments for their kindness in remembering her. The young lady suffered a broken collar bone due to the accident. Her shopmates miss her from her work for she is a very pleasant and agreeable girl. She is also a very good worker for her department.

Mrs. Agnes McGettrick, alias "Tutie" has been with us only a year but is holding down her job with much credit. Chief Inspector is her job in the Soldered Department. As for being a sport, fox hunting is a hobby with her. Likes to follow the hounds.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Board of Directors of the Whiting & Davis Co. Relief Association met a week ago last night, plans were made, and committees appointed for the Annual Meeting which it was voted should take place Jan. 23, Monday at 6 o'clock with a banquet in the Factory Restaurant. The banquet committee and Chef Olsen are now busy with a menu that should please an epicure.

The banquet over, a business meeting is to be held at which reports will be read and officers elected.

Next on the program will be Whist for those who care to play. At 8 o'clock all who wish to dance will adjourn to the Town Hall where the Dance committee have a real treat in store in Wilds Orchestra of Providence, which is considered one of the best in its line. Many will recall the good time we all had last year. The committee are striving to make it even better this year. Let's Go.

The following Committees were appointed:

Banquet Committee. — Mrs. H. Hooper, Erwin Sylvia, H. Lanphier.

Dance Committee.—Mrs. M. Casey, J. O. Gagnon, Chas. Quirk.

Tickets.—Minna Simpson, B. S. Gardiner, F. Gaddes.

Whist Committee—Hattie Coombs, Hilda Kriegle, Ed. Osterholm.

Mr. Frank Roddy is a new arrival at the bench in Department A. He comes to work on the new line of sterling bags. Frank is well known hereabouts, at one time doing quite a bit of singing. We are pleased to welcome and extend to him our best wishes.

Dan Quirk, assistant foreman in the Service Branch is proud and pleased with the girls who work with him. Personally he thinks them a nice lot.

Wanted: A man in the Service Branch Office who seldom speaks, by a girl who can talk enough for both. Call on Laura Jacobs, if interested.

Miss Helen Coughlin wants everyone to know that from now on her name is *Nellie* and not Helen.

Lillian Bryden says her idea of a perfect man is somebody her own age, somebody her own size and a Baptist.

PERSONAL CONTACT FACTOR IN SALES

The salesman with original methods of selling his merchandise and with the ability to find new channels of distribution is in great demand just now, when so many men of the selling profession who allowed themselves to get soft during the war and post war period are failing to produce orders. The day of the swivel chair salesman is definitely at an end, from all accounts, and even the heads of big businesses are themselves venturing forth with sample cases to see what they can accomplish in the way of bringing in sales.

Miss Hattie Coombs came to work for Whiting & Davis Co. 15 years ago when the bags turned out did not look much like our newer ones. Hattie has much valuable knowledge of her work and has the mental qualifications to design as well as execute the new creations. She is a pillar of strength to her department and a favorite with all. Also takes much interest in needlework. There is only one thing Hattie likes better than designing bags and that is picking Huckleberries.

Meet **Miss Flora Cote** who is employed in the Unsoldered Sample Dept. Her 14 years experience at this kind of work makes us feel proud to know her. Besides she is an accomplished builder, taking a great pleasure in erecting such things as chicken coops, stables and a garage. Not many so capable as she.

Meet **Mabel Casey** picture taken down at Oak Bluffs Mabel has charge of the fish-scale mesh department. While she may not know much about scaling fish, she is right there on fish scale bags, having been with us since 1915. Mabel is a mighty conscientious worker and very well thought of throughout the factory.